Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda March 27, 2025, 12:00 pm

1.	Call to Order – Quorum present	Strobel
2.	Secretary's Report – February 27, 2025, minutes	Davidson
3.	Treasurer's Report – February financials a. Audit Presentation	Strobel K. Beach
4.	 New Business a. Expenditure Policy b. Ratification of PARIS Report i. Operations and Accomplishments ii. Performance Measures iii. Management Assessment of Effectiveness of Interior c. 2024 Board Evalutions 	Johnson Johnson nal Controls Johnson

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5. Adjournment

Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation 7234 Route 54N, P.O. Box 393, Bath, NY 14810 Meeting Minutes February 27, 2025

I. Call to Order – The Regular Meeting of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation was called to order at 12:43pm by Chairman Strobel, who confirmed that there was a quorum present.

Present:	Dean Strobel Kelly Fitzpatrick	Chairman Vice Chair
	Tony Russo	Treasurer
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	Michelle Caulfield	Member
	Sarah Creath	Member
	James Johnson	Executive Director
	Jill Staats	Deputy Director
	Matt Bull	Director of Community and Infrastructure Development
	Russ Gaenzle	IDA Counsel- Harris Beach
	Kelly Hortman	Administrative Assistant
Guests:	Kam Keeley	Three Rivers Development
Absent:	Mike Davidson	Secretary
	Mark Alger	Member

- **II. Oath of Office** Oath of Office will be postponed to April 2025 when all the board members needing the oath can be present.
- III. Secretary's Report Strobel presented the January 23, 2025; meeting minutes as presented in the board materials. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Caulfield and seconded Creath. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- **IV. Treasurer's Report** January Financials -No new items/activity to review.
- V. New Business:
 - a) Ratification of IDA Policies Harris Beach Murtha completed their annual review of the Agency's policies. Johnson reviewed the policies where no changes were needed and then the policies where updates were being recommended. The overview of all the policies was presented in the board materials and included updates to the project evaluation criteria and agency application, record of retention and disposition schedule, and the sexual harassment prevention policy. In addition, it was recommended that the agency adopt a FOIL policy formalizing the process the Agency follows when a FOIL request is made. In addition to the policy changes, the following appointments were presented: Ethics Officer (Alger), CFO (Johnson), Records Access Officer (Hortman) and Contracting Officer (Johnson). A motion to approve the policies as presented and make appointments was made by Caulfield and seconded by Creath. All voted in the favor and the motion passed.
- VI. Adjournment With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Fitzpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 pm, seconded by Strobel. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dean Strobel Chairman

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This Year	Last Year	Change
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Statement of Activity - MTD and YTD by Department Steuben Area Economic Development Council For 2/28/2025

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Income	M-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Actual	Υ-T-D Budget	Variance
Other Income 20.2791.100.00 Interest Income Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	5,000.00 5,000.00	(5,000.00) (5,000.00)
Total Income	0.00	0.00	12,500.00	(12,500.00)
Expenses				
Office Expenses				
Professional Services Expense 20.6210.400.00 Accounting	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total Professional Services Expenses	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Salaries & Wages Expense				
Administrative Expenses 20.6630.400.00 Marketing 20.6640.400.00 Website	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	4,000.00 1,000.00	4,000.00 1,000.00
Total Administrative Expenses	0.00	00.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Utility Expenses 20.6670.400.00 Program Expense Total Utility Expenses	00.0	00.0	3,600.00 3,600.00	3,600.00 3,600.00
Travel Expenses				
Insurance Expense 20.6800.400.00 Insurance	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
Total Insurance Expense	00.00	00.00	700.00	700.00
Infrastructure Expense				
Other Expenses				
Total Expenses	00.0	00.0	16,300 <u>.00</u>	16,300 <u>.</u> 00
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	00'0	00.0	(3,800.00)	3,800.00

STEUBEN AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation Bath, New York

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation (a nonprofit local development corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2025, on our consideration of Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kristie M. Beach, CPAs, PLLC Webster, New York March 27, 2025

STEUBEN AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents Certificate of deposit Total current assets Total Assets	\$ 119,625 104,349 223,974 223,974	\$ 130,442 99,367 229,809 229,809
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Net Assets - Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 223,974	\$ 229,809
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 223,974	\$ 229,809

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STEUBEN AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Statements of Activities For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenues Interest income	\$ 4,982	\$ 787
Expenses Program services:		
Program expense Management and general:	 3,600	 3,600
Accounting	6,425	1,750
Insurance expense Marketing	617 -	401 1,200
Miscellaneous expense Website	- 175	1,500 250
Total management and general	 7,217	 5,101
Total expenses	10,817	 8,701
Change in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	(5,835)	(7,914)
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Beginning	 229,809	 237,723
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Ending	\$ 223,974	\$ 229,809

STEUBEN AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Change in net assets without donor restrictions	\$ (5,835)	\$ (7,914)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities Interest income	 (4,982)	 (787)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(10,817)	(8,701)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning	 130,442	 139,143
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending	\$ 119,625	\$ 130,442

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Organization

Nature of Organization - The Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation (the "Corporation") has been established to aid Steuben County in promoting the economic welfare of its inhabitants and to actively promote, attract, encourage, and develop economically sound commerce and industry by enhancing job opportunities through assistance in constructing, maintaining and equipping industrial, commercial, manufacturing, and research facilities. The Corporation is designed to function as a prime community resource.

Basis of Accounting - The Corporation prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Presentation - The Organization's financial statements are presented in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, "Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958) Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities." As a result, the Organization reports information regarding its net assets and changes therein in the following categories: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions represents resources available for the general support of the Organization's activities. The Board of Directors has discretionary control over these resources to carry out the operations of the Corporation in accordance with its by-laws. Net assets with donor restrictions are those whose use has been limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled by actions of the Organization or are required to be held in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, all net assets are classified as without donor restriction.

Liquidity - The Corporation has \$223,974 of financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date consisting of \$119,625 of cash and \$104,349 of investments. None of these financial assets are subject to donor or contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position date.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - For the purposes of the statements of financial position and statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include deposits and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less. The Corporation maintains cash and cash equivalents at financial institutions which periodically may exceed federally insured limits. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Corporation had no amounts in excess of the federally insured limits.

Certificate of Deposit - The Corporation invests cash in excess of immediate needs in certificates of deposits with high credit quality financial institutions. Non-negotiable certificates of deposit are valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these investments. Interest income, which approximate change in the fair value of investments, is recorded in the statements of activities.

Revenue Recognition - Under ASU No. 2014-09 (Topic 606) - Revenue from contracts with customers ("ASU 2014-09" or "Topic 606"), revenue is recognized when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the organization expects to be entitled in exchange for these goods or services. The organization's revenue from contracts mainly consists of administrative income earned on economic development projects. Administrative income is recognized at a point in time, when services are rendered.

Contributions - The Corporation's financial statements are presented in accordance with the provisions of ASU 2018-08, "Clarifying the Scope of Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made". ASU 2018-08 provides clarification for determining if grants and contracts should be considered contributions or exchange transactions, as well as guidance for determining if a contribution is conditional.

Expense Allocation - The costs of providing programs and other activities have been adequately detailed in the statement of activities. Allocations of management and general expenses among program and supporting services is not considered significant to the operations of the Corporation therefore, no such allocation has been provided.

Related Party - The Corporation is related through common Board of Directors membership with the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), which also promotes economic development in the County.

Income Taxes - The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation and is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from state income tax under New York State Article 14 as a local development corporation. Accordingly, no provision for taxes has been made.

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740-10-50, Accounting for Uncertainty in *Income Taxes*, the Corporation recognizes the tax benefits from uncertain tax positions only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities. Management believes that the Corporation is currently operating in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and therefore, no liability for unrecognized tax benefits has been included on the Corporation's financial statements. The exempt Corporation's informational returns are subject to audit by various taxing authorities.

Note 2. Deposits and Investments

The Corporation's investment policies are governed by State law. Collateral is required for demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements not covered by federal deposit insurance. Obligations which may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and school districts.

The Corporation has a formal investment policy which is in compliance with the laws of the State of New York, Chapter 838, Title 7, Section 2925. The Corporation is permitted to invest funds in the following types of investments: special time deposit accounts, certificates of deposit, obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America and obligations of the State of New York. All deposits of the Corporation are public funds and shall have a pledge of collateral by the bank or trust company in which the funds are deposited. The Corporation may contract for the purchase of investments in the following manners: directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner, by participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity or by utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized trading partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board. It is the policy of the Corporation to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument and by maturity scheduling. The Corporation maintains a listing of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes. The Corporation also establishes appropriate limits to the amount of investments which can be made with each financial institution or dealer. The Corporation maintains proper books and records supporting all investment and deposit accounts held by the Corporation.

All deposits of the Corporation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were fully covered by FDIC insurance.

Investments - The Corporation has invested excess cash in a non-negotiable certificate of deposit with a local financial institution. The certificate is subject to a fixed interest rate of 4.75% with an original maturity of twelve months, with penalties for early withdrawal. The certificate matures on July 18, 2025. Any penalties would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Note 3. Bond Issues

The Corporation has entered into conduit financing arrangements where the primary function of the Corporation was to arrange financing through the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds between a company and the bond holder. As conduit financing arrangements, the asset and liability resulting from the transaction are not recorded in these financial statements.

Although not part of the accounting system, New York State statute requires disclosure of these bond issues. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were outstanding bonds with an aggregate amount payable of \$12,511,050 and \$13,148,972, respectively. The bond has a final maturity date of April 2044 with interest rates ranging from 3.75% to 4.8%.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation Bath, New York

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation (a nonprofit local development corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Steuben Area Economic Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Kristie M. Beach, CPAs, PLLC Webster, New York March 27, 2025

STEUBEN AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION <u>EXPENDITURE POLICY & PROCEDURE</u> <u>(including Travel and Discretionary Funds)</u>

SECTION I

The purpose of this Section is to establish a general policy with regard to expenditure of budgeted items. This policy also implements a provision of the Public Authorities Accountability Act requiring the adoption of a travel policy and adheres to the recommended practices of the NYS Authorities Budget Office to protect against the use of discretionary funds for purposes that do not advance the Agency's mission and public purposes:

- 1. **Contracted Services/Consultants** Fee established annually by the Agency and supported by contract.
- 2. Wages/Salaries Amounts established annually by the Agency.
- 3. Accounting This expenditure is established annually to cover cost of monthly accounting and annual audit.
- 4. **Legal** A retainer amount is established annually for the Agency's Attorney. These items also provide additional legal fees which must be approved by the Agency.
- 5. Vehicle Lease & Maintenance This account covers lease of automobile as well as gas, oil and maintenance.
- 6. **Dues and Memberships** This item is approved on an annual basis by the Agency for specified dues and memberships to organizations recommended by the Executive Director. All dues and memberships must be approved by the Audit Committee.
- Meals & Entertainment This item is specifically for events held by or participated in by the Agency for the purpose of entertaining, existing or potential clients, honoring specific individuals determined by the Agency or participating in community affairs by Agency employees or members. The Executive Director has the authority to spend up to \$2,500 without further Agency approval. Agency approval is needed for amounts over \$2,500.
- 8. **Travel** This item is meant to cover travel, lodging, entertainment, and miscellaneous costs incurred by the Executive Director or member of the Agency while exercising the duties in carrying out the policy and purpose of the Agency as described in Section 852 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. The Executive Director will present to the Agency at their monthly meeting, any scheduled trips or meeting which he is aware of for their approval. In the event a special unanticipated trip or meeting arises, the Executive Director shall notify the Chairman of the Agency or in his absence, the Treasurer. These expenditures will only be reimbursed when submitted monthly with supporting documents indicating the nature of the expenditures, date and amount, and names of persons and their affiliates whom were entertained. In the event the names are

confidential, such unnamed clients, it shall be noted in the minutes of the next meeting of the Agency. These monies shall be designated as monies received from private sources through approved Agency activities.

- 9. Equipment Rental This item shall cover necessary rentals of office or miscellaneous equipment necessary for the operation of the Agency. New rental agreements shall be approved by the Agency.
- 10. **Equipment** This item shall cover estimated cost of purchase of equipment necessary for the operation of the Agency either approved for specific items in the budget or as needed and approved by the Agency for amounts exceeding \$2,500.
- 11. **Telephone** This item covers Agency's net cost of phone service including equipment, line charges and long-distance calls, as well as fax line. These bills are prorated and submitted monthly.
- 12. **Insurance/General** This item covers auto, property, office liability as approved annually. Any additional insurance must be approved by the Agency.
- 13. **Contingency** This account is for overruns or items which are extraordinary in nature and approved by the Agency.
- 14. **Postage** This item is to cover cost of postage incurred by the Agency.
- 15. **Repair & Maintenance/Property** This item is for repair and maintenance of property owned by the SAEDC. Emergency expenditures not to exceed \$500 may be approved by the Executive Director and reported to the Agency at next monthly meeting. Any expenditure over \$2,500 must be approved by the Agency or in an emergency by any two members.
- 16. **Repair & Maintenance/Equipment** This item is for office equipment and may be used at the discretion of the Finance and Compliance Manager with approval of Executive Director.
- 17. **Office Expense/Cleaning** Any amount not to exceed \$2,500 may be approved by the Executive Director. Amount over \$2,500 needs Agency approval.
- 18. **Outside Services** This item refers to special services such as surveying, engineering, etc. when approved by Executive Director up to \$2,500 each.
- Promotion This item is to cover expenditures for special promotional efforts participated by the Agency. The Executive Director may approve expenditures up to \$2,500. Expenditures over \$2,500 must be approved by the Agency.
- 20. **Mileage Reimbursements** Staff and members shall be reimbursed at applicable IRS mileage rates for use of personal vehicles to attend and return from SAEDC meetings, hearings, committee meetings, or other business functions ordinary and necessarily applicable to or for the benefit of SAEDC matters. Reimbursement will be from the Staff or Member's home or normal place of business. Reimbursement requests shall be submitted on a standard form that states the name, date(s) of travel, purpose of function, start and destination locations and the combined mileage for one trip to/from the destination. Multiple reimbursement requests may be submitted on one form.
- 21. **Discretionary Funds** The expenditure of Agency funds must relate to an enumerated power, duty or purpose of the Agency. Therefore, the use of discretionary funds shall be limited to expenditures that benefit the Agency in advancing its mission and public

purposes. Discretionary funds shall not be used in a manner that primarily benefits the individual board member, officer or employee.

A. APPROVAL – All expenditures of discretionary funds shall be approved by the Executive Director prior to such expenditure and fall within Annual Budget Allocations. Provided, however, in the instance where the Executive Director will seek an expenditure of discretionary funds, such expenditure shall be pre-authorized by the Chairman or Treasurer of the Agency. The Executive Director or the Chairman or Treasurer, as the case may be, shall review the proposed use of funds and reasonably determine whether such use (i) primarily benefits the Agency as opposed to an individual board member, officer or employee and (ii) advances the mission and public purpose of the Agency. Scrutiny of all expenses will be guided by judgment relating to the relevance of such costs and the benefits which may accrue from such activities.

B. APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURE GUSAEDCNCE

- (i) Membership Dues Membership dues paid for the Agency to belong to a professional peer organization is a permissible use of Agency funds. However, individual membership costs for board members, officers and employees to belong to a professional, social or fraternal organization whereby the membership is of and the primary benefit is to, the individual rather than the Agency, should not be an Agency expenditure.
- (ii) Charitable Contributions & Sponsorships The appropriateness of such sponsorship or charitable contribution will depend on whether it relates to the powers, duty and purposes of the Agency, and whether such expenditure will advance the Agency's core mission and public purposes.
- (iii) Food & Beverages With the exception of food and beverages purchased during business travel as provided herein, expenditures of food and beverages for the personal consumption of board members, officers and employees should not be considered an appropriate use of Agency discretionary funds. Provided, however, expenditure for food and beverages purchased during the conduct of Agency business with persons that do business with the Agency may be an appropriate expenditure of Agency discretionary funds, provided that the expense is reasonable in light of the circumstances surrounding the Agency activity and is pre-approved as set forth herein.
- (iv) Professional Training, Certification and Licensing Paying the costs to attend training to maintain certifications or licenses, or to attend professional conferences may be an appropriate expenditure of Agency discretionary funds.

(v) Marketing – expenses incurred in the course of marketing our are to prospects and relations with existing industries and businesses and supporting partners in the furtherance of our mission may be an appropriate expenditure of Agency discretionary funds.

SECTION II

The purpose of this Section is to set forth a policy regarding payment procedures:

- I. Method by which bills will be processed and paid.
 - A. The bills will be received by the agency and date stamped before being submitted to the Executive Director with detailed notations on the following:
 1. Purpose
 - 2. Person involved
 - 3. Date
 - 4. Amount to be paid
 - B. The Executive Director will review and submit the approved invoices to the administrative assistant who will scan and upload the approved invoices to the Local Government Support Services (LGSS) portal for processing.
 - C. The Administrative Assistant will place the scanned invoices into a master file at the Agency.
 - D. LGSS reviews the scanned invoices and will process payment bi-weekly with individual vouchers and master abstract for payments processed.
 - E. Once the payment, vouchers and abstract are prepared they are emailed back to the Executive Director and the Administrative Assistant.
 - F. The Administrative Assistant will prepare checks and vouchers for signature by the executive director or an approved board signatory.
 - G. The signed payments and vouchers are then submitted to the Agency treasurer or a second approved signatory for final approval. Vouchers should be reviewed prior to payment whenever possible, except in the case of "accelerated payment" situations noted hereafter.
 - H. Checks must have two signatures, one being the Treasurer and/or authorized board member and the other being either the Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer or authorized board member.

- I. Abstracts are reviewed by the treasurer at least monthly
- J. Once signatures are received the signed Vouchers and Abstracts are then scanned and uploaded to the LGSS Portal before being filed in a master final at the Agency.
- II. Method of which accelerated payment of vouchers will be accomplished:
 - A. All of the above procedures will be followed including approval by at least two authorized signatories except checks that may be sent prior to formal approval by the treasurer.
 - B. Executive Director will be prepared to justify special conditions.
 - C. The Administrative Assistant will note accelerated payment on master transcript by words post-audit.

III. SECTION III

Record keeping and filing

- A. Recommend that a fireproof lockable file be obtained and placed in SAEDC office. All unissued check stock, vouchers, etc. shall be stored in a fireproof, lockable file, which shall remain locked and only opened as necessary.
- B. LGSS will keep books in accordance with the recommendations of the Treasurer and Accountant.
- C. LGSS prepares monthly statements from books at the SAEDC office.

Approved and adopted on this 27th day of March, 2025.



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Governance Information (Authority-Related)

Question		Response	URL (if Applicable)
1.	Has the Authority prepared its annual report on operations and accomplishments for the reporting period as required by section 2800 of PAL?	Yes	www.saedc.com
2.	As required by section 2800(9) of PAL, did the Authority prepare an assessment of the effectiveness of its internal controls?	Yes	www.saedc.com
3.	Has the lead audit partner for the independent audit firm changed in the last five years in accordance with section 2802(4) of PAL?	Yes	N/A
4.	Does the independent auditor provide non-audit services to the Authority?	No	N/A
5.	Does the Authority have an organization chart?	Yes	www.saedc.com
6.	Are any Authority staff also employed by another government agency?	No	
7.	Has the Authority posted their mission statement to their website?	Yes	www.saedc.com
8.	Has the Authority's mission statement been revised and adopted during the reporting period?	No	N/A
9.	Attach the Authority's measurement report, as required by section 2824-a of PAL and provide the URL.		www.saedc.com

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Governance Information (Board-Related)

Question		Response	URL (If Applicable)
1.	Has the Board established a Governance Committee in accordance with Section 2824(7) of PAL?	Yes	N/A
2.	Has the Board established an Audit Committee in accordance with Section 2824(4) of PAL?	Yes	N/A
3.	Has the Board established a Finance Committee in accordance with Section 2824(8) of PAL?	Yes	N/A
4.	Provide a URL link where a list of Board committees can be found (including the name of the committee and the date established):		www.saedc.com
5.	Does the majority of the Board meet the independence requirements of Section 2825(2) of PAL?	Yes	N/A
6.	Provide a URL link to the minutes of the Board and committee meetings held during the covered fiscal year		www.saedc.com
7.	Has the Board adopted bylaws and made them available to Board members and staff?	Yes	www.saedc.com
8.	Has the Board adopted a code of ethics for Board members and staff?	Yes	www.saedc.com
9.	Does the Board review and monitor the Authority's implementation of financial and management controls?	Yes	N/A
10.	Does the Board execute direct oversight of the CEO and management in accordance with Section 2824(1) of PAL?	Yes	N/A
11.	Has the Board adopted policies for the following in accordance with Section 2824(1) of PAL?		
	Salary and Compensation	Yes	N/A
	Time and Attendance	Yes	N/A
	Whistleblower Protection	Yes	N/A
	Defense and Indemnification of Board Members	Yes	N/A
12.	Has the Board adopted a policy prohibiting the extension of credit to Board members and staff in accordance with Section 2824(5) of PAL?	Yes	N/A
13.	Are the Authority's Board members, officers, and staff required to submit financial disclosure forms in accordance with Section 2825(3) of PAL?	Yes	N/A
14.	Was a performance evaluation of the board completed?	Yes	N/A
15.	Was compensation paid by the Authority made in accordance with employee or union contracts?	Yes	N/A
16.	Has the board adopted a conditional/additional compensation policy governing all employees?	Yes	www.saedc.com

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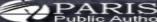
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Board of Directors Listing

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Name	Alger, Mark	Nominated By	Local
Chair of the Board	No	Appointed By	Local
If yes, Chair Designated by		Confirmed by Senate?	N/A
Term Start Date	1/1/2022	Has the Board Member/Designee Signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duty?	Yes
Term Expiration Date	12/31/2024	Complied with Training Requirement of Section 2824?	Yes
Title		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed State Government Position?	No
Has the Board Member Appointed a Designee?		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed Municipal Government Position?	No
Designee Name		Ex-Officio	

Name	Caulfield, Michelle	Nominated By	Local
Chair of the Board	No	Appointed By	Local
If yes, Chair Designated by		Confirmed by Senate?	N/A
Term Start Date	1/1/2023	Has the Board Member/Designee Signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duty?	Yes
Term Expiration Date	12/31/2025	Complied with Training Requirement of Section 2824?	Yes
Title		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed State Government Position?	No
Has the Board Member Appointed a Designee?		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed Municipal Government Position?	No
Designee Name		Ex-Officio	



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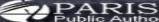
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Name	Creath, Sarah	Nominated By	Local
Chair of the Board	No	Appointed By	Local
If yes, Chair Designated by		Confirmed by Senate?	N/A
Term Start Date	1/1/2024	Has the Board Member/Designee Signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duty?	Yes
Term Expiration Date	12/31/2026	Complied with Training Requirement of Section 2824?	Yes
Title		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed State Government Position?	No
Has the Board Member Appointed a Designee?		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed Municipal Government Position?	No
Designee Name		Ex-Officio	

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Name	Davidson, Mike	Nominated By	Local
Chair of the Board	No	Appointed By	Local
If yes, Chair Designated by		Confirmed by Senate?	No
Term Start Date	12/1/2021	Has the Board Member/Designee Signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duty?	Yes
Term Expiration Date	12/31/2026	Complied with Training Requirement of Section 2824?	Yes
Title		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed State Government Position?	No
Has the Board Member Appointed a Designee?		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed Municipal Government Position?	No
Designee Name		Ex-Officio	



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Name	Fitzpatrick, Kelly	Nominated By	Local
Chair of the Board	No	Appointed By	Local
If yes, Chair Designated by		Confirmed by Senate?	N/A
Term Start Date	1/1/2024	Has the Board Member/Designee Signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duty?	Yes
Term Expiration Date	12/31/2025	Complied with Training Requirement of Section 2824?	No
Title		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed State Government Position?	No
Has the Board Member Appointed a Designee?		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed Municipal Government Position?	Yes
Designee Name		Ex-Officio	

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Name	Russo, Anthony	Nominated By	Local
Chair of the Board	No	Appointed By	Local
If yes, Chair Designated by		Confirmed by Senate?	N/A
Term Start Date	1/1/2023	Has the Board Member/Designee Signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duty?	Yes
Term Expiration Date	12/31/2025	Complied with Training Requirement of Section 2824?	Yes
Title		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed State Government Position?	No
Has the Board Member Appointed a Designee?		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed Municipal Government Position?	No
Designee Name		Ex-Officio	



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Name	Strobel, Dean	Nominated By	Local
Chair of the Board	Yes	Appointed By	Local
If yes, Chair Designated by	Elected by Board	Confirmed by Senate?	N/A
Term Start Date	1/1/2022	Has the Board Member/Designee Signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duty?	Yes
Term Expiration Date	12/31/2024	Complied with Training Requirement of Section 2824?	Yes
Title		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed State Government Position?	No
Has the Board Member Appointed a Designee?		Does the Board Member/Designee also Hold an Elected or Appointed Municipal Government Position?	No
Designee Name		Ex-Officio	

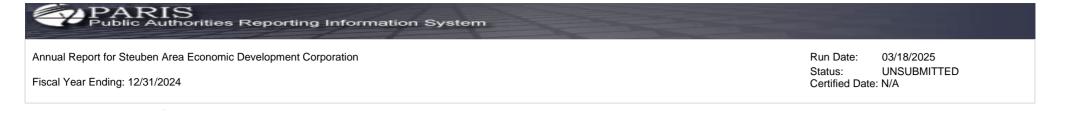


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Staff Listing

Name	Title			Bargaining Unit	Full Time/ Part Time	-	Annualized	salary paid		Performance Bonus	2	Compensati on/Allowanc es/Adjustme	ion paid by Authority	another entity to perform the work of the	payment made by a State or
Johnson, James C	Executive Director	Executive			PT	Yes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No	



Benefit Information

During the fiscal year, did the Authority continue to pay for any of the above mentioned benefits for former staff or individuals affiliated	No
With the Authority after those individuals left the Authority?	

Board Members

Name	Title	Severance Package	Payment for Unused Leave	Club Member- ships	Use of Corporate Credit Cards	Personal Loans	Auto	Transportation	Housing Allowance	Spousal / Dependent Life Insurance	Tuition Assistance	Multi-Year Employment	None of these Benefits	Other
Alger, Mark	Board of Directors												х	
Caulfield, Michelle	Board of Directors												Х	
Creath, Sarah	Board of Directors												Х	
Davidson, Mike	Board of Directors												Х	
Fitzpatrick, Kelly	Board of Directors												Х	
Russo, Anthony	Board of Directors												Х	
Strobel, Dean	Board of Directors												Х	

<u>Staff</u>

Name	Title	Severance Package	Payment for	Club Member-	Use of Corporate	Personal Loans	Auto	Transportation	Housing Allowance	Spousal / Dependent	Tuition Assistance	Multi-Year Employment	None of these	Other
			Unused Leave	ships	Credit Cards					Life Insurance			Benefits	

Public Authorities Reporting Information System	
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Subsidiary/Component Unit Verification

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Is the list of subsidiaries, as assembled by the Office of the State Comptroller, correct?	Yes
Are there other subsidiaries or component units of the Authority that are active, not included in the PARIS reports submitted by this	No
Authority and not independently filing reports in PARIS?	

Name of Subsidiary/Component Unit	Status	
Request Subsidiary/Component Unit Change		
Name of Subsidiary/Component Unit	Status	Requested Changes

Request Add Subsidiaries/Component Units

Name of Subsidiary/Component Unit	Establishment Date	Purpose of Subsidiary/Component Unit
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Request Delete Subsidiaries/Component Units

Name of Subsidiary/Component Unit	Termination Date	Reason for Termination	Proof of Termination Document Name



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Summary Financial Information SUMMARY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

			Amount
Assets			
Current Assets			
	Cash and cash equivalents		\$0.00
	Investments		\$0.00
	Receivables, net		\$0.00
	Other assets		\$0.00
	Total current assets		\$0.00
Noncurrent Assets			
	Restricted cash and investments		\$0.00
	Long-term receivables, net		\$0.00
	Other assets		\$0.00
	Capital Assets		
		Land and other nondepreciable property	\$0.00
		Buildings and equipment	\$0.00
		Infrastructure	\$0.00
		Accumulated depreciation	\$0.00
		Net Capital Assets	\$0.00
	Total noncurrent assets		\$0.00
Total assets			\$0.00
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
	Accounts payable		\$0.00
	Pension contribution payable		\$0.00
	Other post-employment benefits		\$0.00
	Accrued liabilities		\$0.00
	Deferred revenues		\$0.00
	Bonds and notes payable		\$0.00
	Other long-term obligations due within one year		\$0.00
	Total current liabilities		\$0.00
Noncurrent Liabilities			

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	Pension contribution payable	\$0.00
	Other post-employment benefits	\$0.00
	Bonds and notes payable	\$0.00
	Long term leases	\$0.00
	Other long-term obligations	\$0.00
	Total noncurrent liabilities	\$0.00
Total liabilities		\$0.00
Net Asset (Deficit)		
Net Assets		
	Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$0.00
	Restricted	\$0.00
	Unrestricted	\$0.00
	Total net assets	\$0.00

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

		Amount
Operating Revenues		
	Charges for services	\$0.00
	Rental and financing income	\$0.00
	Other operating revenues	\$0.00
	Total operating revenue	\$0.00
Operating Expenses		
	Salaries and wages	\$0.00
	Other employee benefits	\$0.00
	Professional services contracts	\$0.00
	Supplies and materials	\$0.00
	Depreciation and amortization	\$0.00
	Other operating expenses	\$0.00
	Total operating expenses	\$0.00
Operating income (loss)		\$0.00
Nonoperating Revenues		
	Investment earnings	\$0.00
	State subsidies/grants	\$0.00
	Federal subsidies/grants	\$0.00
	Municipal subsidies/grants	\$0.00
	Public authority subsidies	\$0.00



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	Other nonoperating revenues	\$0.00
	Total nonoperating revenue	\$0.00
Nonoperating Expenses		
	Interest and other financing charges	\$0.00
	Subsidies to other public authorities	\$0.00
	Grants and donations	\$0.00
	Other nonoperating expenses	\$0.00
	Total nonoperating expenses	\$0.00
	Income (loss) before contributions	\$0.00
Capital contributions		\$0.00
Change in net assets		\$0.00
Net assets (deficit) beginning of year		\$229,809.00
Other net assets changes		\$0.00
Net assets (deficit) at end of year		\$0.00



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Current Debt

(Question		Response
	1.	Did the Authority have any outstanding debt, including conduit debt, at any point during the reporting period?	Yes
1	2.	If yes, has the Authority issued any debt during the reporting period?	

New Debt Issuances



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Schedule of Authority Debt

Type of Debt			Statutory Authorization(\$)	Outstanding Start of Fisca Year(\$)	New Debt Issuances(\$)	Debt Retired (\$)	Outstanding End of Fiscal Year(\$)
State Obligation	State Guaranteed						
State Obligation	State Supported						
State Obligation	State Contingent Obligation						
State Obligation	State Moral Obligation						
Other State-Funded	Other State-Funded						
Authority Debt - General Obligation	Authority Debt - General Obligation						
Authority Debt - Revenue	Authority Debt - Revenue						
Authority Debt - Other	Authority Debt - Other						
Conduit		Conduit Debt	0.0	13,148,971.34	4 0.0	637,920.96	6 12,511,050.38
Conduit		Conduit Debt - Pilot Increment Financing					
TOTALS			0.0	00 13,148,971.34	4 0.0	637,920.96	6 12,511,050.38



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Real Property Acquisition/Disposal List

This Authority has indicated that it had no real property acquisitions or disposals during the reporting period.



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Personal Property

This Authority has indicated that it had no personal property disposals during the reporting period.



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Property Documents

Question		Response	URL (If Applicable)
1.	In accordance with Section 2896(3) of PAL, the Authority is required to prepare a report at least annually of all real property of the Authority. Has this report been prepared?	Yes	www.saedc.com
2.	Has the Authority prepared policies, procedures, or guidelines regarding the use, awarding, monitoring, and reporting of contracts for the acquisition and disposal of property?	Yes	www.saedc.com
3.	In accordance with Section 2896(1) of PAL, has the Authority named a contracting officer who shall be responsible for the Authority's compliance with and enforcement of such guidelines?	Yes	N/A



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Grant Information

This Authority has indicated that it did not award any grants during the reporting period.



Loan Information

This Authority has indicated that it did not have any outstanding loans during the reporting period.



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Bond Information

Name of Recipient of Bond Proceeds	CCC Housing Company, LLC	Bond Interest Rate	3.75
Address Line1	1 Academic Drive	Last Year Bonds Expected to be Retired	2044
Address Line2		Amount of Bond Principal Retired during the Reporting Year	637920.96
City	CORNING	Amount of Bond Principal Retired Prior to Reporting Year	3624028.66
State	NY	Current Amount of Bonds Outstanding	\$12,511,050.38
Postal Code	14830	Purpose of Project Requiring the Bond Issuance	Education/Training(Business Development)
Plus4		Was the Bond Issuance Expected to Result in New Jobs Being Created?	Yes
Province/Region		If yes, How Many Jobs Were Planned to be Created?	13
Country	United States	If yes, How Many Jobs Have Been Created to Date?	7
Amount of Bonds Issued	\$16,773,000.00	Have the Bonds Been Fully Retired?	No
Date Bonds Issued	10/31/2012		



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Certified Financial Audit for Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation

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Financial Documents

Question	Response
1. Attach the independent audit of the Authority's financial statements.	N/A

URL (If Applicable)	Attachments
www.saedc.com	Attachment Included

Question	Response	
2. Has the Authority's independent auditor issued a management letter to the Authority in connection with its audit of the Authority's financial statements?	Yes	

URL (If Applicable)	Attachments
www.saedc.com	Attachment Included

Question	Response
3. Has the Authority's independent auditor issued a Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting to the Authority?	Yes

URL (If Applicable)	Attachments
www.saedc.com	Attachment Included

Question	Response
4. Attach any other communication required or allowed by government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States to be issued by the Authority's	
independent auditor in connection with its annual audit of the Authority's financial statements.	

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	URL (If Applicable)	Attachments

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Investment Report for Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation

Fiscal Year Ending: 12/31/2024

Run Date : 03/16/2025 Status: UNSUBMITTED Certified Date: N/A

Investment Information

Ques	tion	Response	URL (If Applicable)
1.	Has the Authority prepared an Annual Investment Report for the reporting period as required by Section 2925	No	
	(6) of PAL?		
2.	Are the Authority's investment guidelines reviewed and approved annually?	Yes	
3.	Did the Authority have an independent audit of investments as required by Section 2925(3)(f) of PAL?	Yes	www.saedc.com
4.	Has the Authority's independent auditor issued a management letter to the Authority in connection with its	Yes	www.saedc.com
	annual audit of investments?		

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Procurement Report for Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation

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Procurement Information:

Ques	lion	Response	URL (If Applicable)
1.	Does the Authority have procurement guidelines?	Yes	www.saedc.com
2.	Are the procurement guidelines reviewed annually, amended if needed, and approved by the Board?	Yes	
3.	Does the Authority allow for exceptions to the procurement guidelines?	No	
4.	Does the Authority assign credit cards to employees for travel and/or business purchases?	No	
5.	Does the Authority require prospective bidders to sign a non-collusion agreement?	Yes	
6.	Does the Authority incorporate a summary of its procurement policies and prohibitions in its solicitation of proposals, bid documents, or specifications for procurement contracts?	Yes	
7.	Did the Authority designate a person or persons to serve as the authorized contact on a specific procurement, in accordance with Section 139-j(2)(a) of the State Finance Law, "The Procurement Lobbying Act"?	Yes	
8.	Did the Authority determine that a vendor had impermissible contact during a procurement or attempted to influence the procurement during the reporting period, in accordance with Section 139-j(10) of the State Finance Law?	No	
8a.	If Yes, was a record made of this impermissible contact?		
9.	Does the Authority have a process to review and investigate allegations of impermissible contact during a procurement, and to impose sanctions in instances where violations have occurred, in accordance with Section 139-j(9) of the State Finance Law?	Yes	

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Procurement Transactions Listing:

The Authority has indicated that it had no procurement transactions during the reporting period.

STEUBEN AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 2024 OPERATIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The mission of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation is to undertake projects and develop strategy to enhance the mission of the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency to advance job opportunities, health, recreational opportunities, general prosperity, and the economic welfare of the people of Steuben county.

In 2024 the Agency had the following accomplishments:

• Continued to serve as a conduit participant for the Corning Community College Foundation's financing for the campus dorm project at Corning Community College.

Authority Mission Statement and Performance Measurements

Name of Public Authority:

Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation

Public Authority's Mission Statement:

The mission of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation is to undertake projects and develop strategy to enhance the mission of the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency to advance job opportunities, health, recreational opportunities, general prosperity, and the economic welfare of the people of Steuben County.

Date Adopted:

March 27, 2025

List of Performance Goals (If additional space is needed, please attach):

- Continue Business Retention and Expansion Program That Targets Business Growth Sectors
- Promote New Ventures and Innovations in Product/Production Technologies
- Provide Economic Development Business Support Services
- Enhance Basic Infrastructure
- Increase Access to Rail
- Site Development
- Pursue Zero Emissions Development Projects
- Build a Strategy for Global Business Development
- Overcome Challenges and Barriers to Business Development
- Build Networks and Partnerships
- Strengthen Existing Businesses
- Support Entrepreneurial Activities
- Commercialization of Technology

Additional questions:

- Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority? Yes
- 2. Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority? The Board of Directors
- 3. If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority?

Yes, the board appoints a personnel committee to provide guidance and recommendation to the full board who then appoint management based on the personnel committee direction.

4. Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.

The Board sets the mission of the organization and provides oversight and guidance to management who is responsible for implementation of the mission of the organization.

5. Has the Board acknowledged that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions?

Yes, the board reviewed and approved these responses at their March 27, 2025 meeting.

Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation <u>Management Assessment</u> <u>of</u> <u>Effectiveness of Internal Controls</u>

Mission

The purpose of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation (SAEDC) is to advance the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County.

The goal is to create and stimulate an economic climate that competitively positions Steuben County to attract a talented workforce, public and private investment in infrastructure and business development, and other compatible and diverse sustainable economic development opportunities. This will be accomplished by undertaking projects and development strategies that promote business development, and assist businesses to respond to opportunities, reduce risks, and overcome barriers to ensure long-term sustainability.

Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation will work openly and cooperatively with its stakeholders to leverage the county's major assets and build the economic development capacity necessary to catalyze and sustain Steuben County's economy. Stakeholders include Steuben County's residents, workforce, municipal government entities, existing and prospective businesses, educational institutions and other organizations and agencies that can serve to enhance the county's economic prosperity.

Internal Controls

The Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation FY 2024 independent audit and financial statements are the ultimate responsibility of the Steuben Area EDC management and Board of Directors. The statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Financial information from the audit can be found on the Steuben Area EDC website as required by the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009 (PARA) or at the Steuben Area EDC offices.

Although the auditors were not asked to perform a formal audit of internal controls, they do provide any comments they may have regarding the subject within their management letter if/when they believe there to be internal weaknesses in the procedures or operations of the Steuben Area EDC.

The Steuben Area EDC and the Board of Directors conduct an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of agency policies. The objectives of this review are to provide reasonable assurance as to the protection of accountability for assets, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, proper authorization and recording of transactions, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements.

- Specific agency policies that address internal controls have been reviewed and approved by the board. These include the following:
- Agency by-laws
- Capitalization Policy
- Code of Ethics and Whistleblower Policy
- Compensation, Reimbursement, Attendance
- o Defense and Indemnification
- EEO Policies for Personnel Handbook
- Expenditure Policy Procedure
- Fee Schedule
- Financial Controls
- Investment Policy
- Labor Market Policy
- Management Assessment of Effectiveness of Internal Controls
- Premium Only Plan
- Procurement Policy
- Project evaluation criteria
- Project Progress Assessment and Employment Verification Policy
- Property Disposition Guidelines
- Property Acquisition Guidelines
- Record Retention and Disposition Schedule
- Retail Projects
- Sexual Harassment Complaint Form
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy
- Termination of Benefits
- o UTEP
- Governance Committee Charter
- Audit/Finance Committee Charter
- o FOIL

The Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation staff and management are committed to an ongoing assessment of the control structure throughout the year and, accordingly, are focused on ensuring timely compliance with PAAA/PARA statutory requirements including assurances of transparency, public reporting and accountability.

Therefore, in our opinion and after due consideration, the present internal control structure appears to be sufficient to meet internal control objectives that pertain to the effective and responsible operations of the Steuben Area Economic Development Corporation.

Reviewed by Management on March 27, 2025:

Executive Director

Summary Results of Confidential Evaluation of Board Performance

Criteria	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree
Board members have a shared understanding of the mission	# 7	#	#	#
and purpose of the Authority. The policies, practices and decisions of the Board are	7			
always consistent with this mission. Board members comprehend their role and fiduciary responsibilities and hold themselves and each other to these principles.	7			
The Board has adopted policies, by-laws, and practices for the effective governance, management and operations of the Authority and reviews these annually.	7			
The Board sets clear and measurable performance goals for the Authority that contribute to accomplishing its mission.	7			
The decisions made by Board members are arrived at through independent judgment and deliberation, free of political influence, pressure or self-interest.	7			
Individual Board members communicate effectively with executive staff so as to be well informed on the status of all important issues.	7			
Board members are knowledgeable about the Authority's programs, financial statements, reporting requirements, and other transactions.	7			
The Board meets to review and approve all documents and reports prior to public release and is confident that the information being presented is accurate and complete.	7			
The Board knows the statutory obligations of the Authority and if the Authority is in compliance with state law.	7			
Board and committee meetings facilitate open, deliberate and thorough discussion, and the active participation of members.	7			
Board members have sufficient opportunity to research, discuss, question and prepare before decisions are made and votes taken.	7			
Individual Board members feel empowered to delay votes, defer agenda items, or table actions if they feel additional information or discussion is required.	7			
The Board exercises appropriate oversight of the CEO and other executive staff, including setting performance expectations and reviewing performance annually.	7			
The Board has identified the areas of most risk to the Authority and works with management to implement risk mitigation strategies before problems occur.	7			
Board members demonstrate leadership and vision and work respectfully with each other.	7			

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